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REDUCE TELEPHONE, TELEGRAM RATES

In the postwar period, the Polish Post, Telephone, and Telegraph operated under great difficulties. The Germans during their occupation either destroyed or evacuated into Germany telephone stations and factories manufacturing telephone equipment. In Krakow, the Germans tore down and evacuated a dial-system station; another, which they were not able to evacuate, was partially destroyed. In a short time, the Regional Management of Post Offices in Krakow repaired the telephone station and even expanded the service to a maximum. In 1949, a new dial-system station was installed.

To popularize the telephone service in Krakow, the Ministry ordered a reduction in rates on telephone installations. The fee was reduced from 15,000 zlotys to 4,000 zlotys. This is of great significance to the expansion of the telephone network, especially in villages where the construction of new lines is expensive. With the reduced fee, a large number of applications for telephone installation may be expected. State officials and offices will be the first to have telephone installations, followed by private homes. Telephone rates will be reduced from 600 zlotys to 500 zlotys. Calls from public telephone booths will cost 15 zlotys, with no time limit. A charge of 8 zlotys will be made for local calls from all telephones. Reduced rates are given on telephone calls made between 1900 and 0800 hours. Heretofore, the time was from 2100 to 0700 hours.

When a telephone is disconnected because of nonpayment of the bill, a charge of 500 zlotys will be made before service is again resumed. Charges on press calls made between 1800 and 0900 hours will cost 50 percent less.

Telegrams containing ten words cost 120 zlotys; local telegrams and greeting messages cost 100 zlotys for 15 words.

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